(see Plate XXXV, Detail A)[1] the catch is scooped out of this section. 227

Ta-an nets have the advantage of not having to be watched constantly; they are set up by men. Ta-an catches are for family consumption. One group that netted Hipon with a tangkop near the Siaton River mouth caught two cavans in an afternoon. Large catches usually are made near the mouth or just off the mouth of the river, with bigger nets; Hipon sell in the marketplace for about five dollars per five-gallon can. The owner of a big net receives one-half of the catch, and his assistants divide the remainder equally. Young girls or women vendors from Caticugan and other barrios go to the mouth of the rivers during Hipon runs to sell or barter boiled bananas and other foods. 226 [435] [265]

The Asag and Balantak River Fish Traps

Two common types of fish traps used in Siaton River are the balantak and the larger asag. Small bobo fish traps may be placed in the river but this type of trap usually is put in the sea. The largest asag seen, at Sitio Daliw (north of Casala-an), was 12 feet long. (See Plate XXXVI.) This asag, owned by one family, had stone retaining walls three to four feet high, several feet thick, and about 25 feet long. The walls ordinarily last until rainy season when they are washed away by the flooded river. Fish smaller than four or five inches could have passed 227

2 [See p. 546, cat. 227 -- Analyst]

1 [this plate (p. 544) is missing -- Analyst]